AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 0014 with the following paragraph:

[0014] In a second embodiment, the permanent magnet alternator assembly includes a laminated, bifurcated rotor having a first rotor section and a second rotor section, each rotor section having a substantially cylindrical body emposed of a light-weight, non-ferromagnetic material such as aluminum, and an outer circumferential surface composed of a ferromagnetic material such as steel.

Please replace paragraph 0039 with the following paragraph:

[0039] As shown in FIGS. 5, 6(a) and 6(b), the rotor 130 is a bifurcated-type comprising a first rotor section 130a and a second rotor section 130b, each having a substantially cylindrical body 131a, 131b preferably comprising a non-ferromagnetic material such as aluminum, and an outer circumferential surface 132a, 132b preferably comprising a ferromagnetic material such as steel.

Please replace paragraph 0041 with the following paragraph:

[0041] During assembly of the alternator 110, each rotor section 130a, 130b is mounted for rotation on a rotor shaft 180 by press fit. Bearings 180 190 are provided to support each rotor section 130a, 130b on the shaft 170 180. Like the first embodiment, the permanent magnets 150 are fixedly mounted using a suitable adhesive to the outer circumferential surface 133a 132a, 133b 132b of each rotor body 131a, 131b in alternating polarity.

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